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1. The village of Comanesti is located in the Moinesti district, Bacau province. It has a population of about 12,000 and some 3,000 temporary residents most of whom are employed at the coal mines in the vicinity or in the timber industry. Except for a few Hungarians, the whole population is Rumanian.
2. The construction of a thermal power station was started in 1954 in Sipoteni - the southeastern quarter of the village. Since 1957 three power units of 12,000 kilowatts each have been operating and a fourth of the same output is being installed. According to the plans this plant will be linked up with the thermal power station of Borzesti which will eventually have an output of 100,000 kilowatts. (four power units of 25,000 kilowatts each).
3. The following are locations of public institutions in Comanesti:
 - a. The municipal council - in a small, groundfloor building, next to the offices of the Forestry Department.
 - b. The Militia - in a small, groundfloor building on the left-hand side of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street, coming from the railway station. The house has four rooms, a waiting room and cells for prisoners.
 - c. The Securitate - in an old, small building, with four or five rooms on the right-hand side of a small street, running from Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street to the Trotus River.
 - d. Though Moinesti is the district town, the district law court and prosecution office are in Comanesti and located as follows:
 - 1) The prosecution office - in a house formerly occupied by a priest,

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(a groundfloor building about 8 by 12 meters in size), on the left-hand side of Strada Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, coming from the railway station and before the Militia building.

2) The law court - in a former private, large groundfloor building, approximately at the crossing of the narrow-gauge rails and the road leading to Asaul.

- e. The Lawyers' Organization - in a small building opposite the law court.
- f. The city Party committee - in a small building (which in the past housed a dispensary), on the right-hand side of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street, coming from the railway station.
- g. UTM offices - on the same side of the Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street as the above-mentioned Party committee.
- h. Offices of the Railway Workers' Trade Union (Sindicatul C.F.R.) - in a small, groundfloor building on the left-hand side of the street leading from the railway station to Strada Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej.
- i. The Miners' Trade Union (Sindicatul Minier) - on the continuation of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street, on the right-hand side of the road to Palanca. The same building also houses the miners' dispensary.
- j. The telephone exchange - in the private residence of a pharmacist, on the right-hand side of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street coming from the railway station, past the offices of the city Party committee. In another room of the same house is the Savings Bank (CEC).
- k. The radio-amplifier station is located on the same side of Gheorghiu-Dej Street as the telephone exchange but behind the latter.
- l. The post and telegraph offices - at the beginning of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street, on its left-hand side coming from the railway station, in a small thatched house of four rooms. The postmaster is living in one room of the house.
- m. The forestry department offices (Ocolul Silvic) - next to the municipal council.

4. In addition to the Savings Bank there are additional banks in Comanesti:

- a. The District Investments Bank (Banca De Investitii Raionala), located in a five-room former private house at the corner of Strada Gheroghiu-Dej and the street leading to the Trotus River.
- b. The State Bank - on the right-hand side of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Street, coming from the railway station, past the UTM offices in a small, former private residence.

5. Following are locations of medical institutions in Comanesti:

- a. The Moinesti district hospital (as in the case of the district law court and prosecution offices) is located in Comanesti. It was built in c. 1952, near the Ghica Park. It has 200 beds and the following wards: Surgical; internal diseases; physiotherapy; ear-nose-throat diseases; gynaecology and obstetrics.
- b. The district tuberculosis dispensary - on the left-hand side of the street leading from the railway station to Strada Gheorghiu-Dej past the railway workers' union building.

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c. The district polyclinic - in an old, one-story building, which formerly housed the internal revenue offices.

d. The children's dispensary (Policlinica De Copii) - on Gheorghiu-Dej Street, opposite the district prosecution offices.

6. The locations of the following educational institutions are reported:

- Secondary School for boys and girls - in the former Ghica Castle, near the Ghica Park. There are about 500 pupils at this school.
- Vocational school for miners (Scoala Profesionala Miniera) - behind the railway station near a workers' housing project built in recent years. There are about 200 pupils at this school.
- Elementary Schools - as indicated by Nos. 13,16 and 37 on sketch.

7. The "1 Mai" Club is located behind the railway station, next to the miners' school. The club includes a hall which seats 800 for theater and cinema performances.

8. A hotel and a public bath are being constructed in the new market.

9. At the coal mines in Comanesti and vicinity, about 2,500 workers are employed. The coal found in this region is of poor quality and the seams are thin (300 - 600 meters); and the mines operate at a calculated loss. The general opinion is that their exploitation is only kept up for political reasons, so as not to cause discontent by dismissing workers.

10. The mines are subordinate to Intreprinderea Carbonifera - Comanesti, whose main offices are located in a large one-story building, near a bend of the narrow-gauge track running to the Galion coal mine. Other offices of the enterprise are located in a small house on the right-hand side of Strada Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej coming from the railway station at the corner of a street connecting Strada Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej with a street running parallel to the track.

11. The central repair shops for mining equipment employ about 500 workers. At the same location there is also a coalbricket factory, which employs about 300; next to this factory there is a small power station with an output of 3,000 kilowatts.

12. A sawmill and a shop making crates and wooden cases are located on the road leading to Darmanesti at the corner of Strada Vasile Alecsandri. About 600 workers are employed here. Next to the sawmill are the offices of the Intreprinderea Forestiera Pentru Industrializarea Lemnului (I.F.I.L.) which employs about 2,000 workers in the exploitation of the surrounding forests.

13. Since 1954, housing for workers has been built on a large scale. About 90 flats were built at Lunca Noua in eight three-story houses. In other places small two-family houses were erected.

14. The streets in Comanesti are unpaved; sewerage and water supply systems exist only in the new residential quarters for workers. In the rest of the town, water is drawn from wells.

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- I. STRADA VASILE ALEXANDRI.
- II. STRADA GHEORGHE GHEORGHIU-DEJ.
- III. STRADA MIHAI VITEAZUL.
- IV. TROTUS River.
- V. TO DARMANESTI.
- VI. TO MOINESTI.
- VII. TO ASAUL.
- VIII TO PALANCA-BRAN
- IX. Concrete road to the coal mines.
 1. Thermal Power Station.
 2. Sawmill.
 3. Railway Station.
 4. District hospital.
 5. GHICA Park.
 6. Secondary school for boys and girls.
 7. Trade school for miners.

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8. 'I MAI Club, theatre and cinema hall.
9. Workers' housing.
10. Workers' houses in the LUNCA DE JOS suburb.
11. Food warehouses.
12. Railway workers' union offices.
13. District tuberculosis dispensary.
14. Elementary school for boys and girls.
15. Forest dept. offices (OCOULUL SILVIC)
16. Municipal Council.
17. Elementary school for boys and girls.
18. District dispensary.
19. LEORDA coal mine.
20. Dam of the PAROSENİ thermal power station.
21. Committed on sketch.
22. "23 AUGUST" restaurant.
23. District prosecution offices.
24. Militia offices.
25. District Investments Bank.
26. Town Party Committee.
27. Old market place (PIATA VECHE).

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27. Telephone exchange and Savings Bank.
28. Post and telegraph offices.
29. Amplifier station.
30. ALIMENTARA food shops.
31. Coal mine offices.
32. New market place with public bath and hotel under construction.
33. Coal mine offices.
34. CALION coal mine.
35. Central repair shop for mining machinery and bricket factory.
36. Miners' trade union (SINDICATUL MINERII)
37. Elementary school.
38. District law court.
39. Lawyers' association.
40. ASAUL coal mine.
41. LUMINA "
42. RAFIMA "
43. State Bank.
44. SECURITATE offices.
45. U.T.M.
46. LALOAIA Suburb.
47. SUPAN "

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